

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 28, 1954

This special meeting called by the Mayor, notice given in accordance with Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California, held at 7:30 o'clock a.m. of Wednesday, April 28, 1954; Councilmen Hughes, Mitchell, Richey, Robinson and Fuller (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Weller and City Attorney Mullen also present.

ELMER BROWN
APPOINTED TO
RECREATION
COMMISSION

Mayor Fuller reminded the Council that there is a vacancy to be filled on the Recreation Commission which was created by the resignation of Jim Crescenzi. Councilman Robinson stated that he felt that the Council should consider the appointment of a younger man to the Commission. He then moved the appointment of Mr. Elmer Brown to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Brown was then appointed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

EXTENSION OF
MASTER PLAN

Mayor Fuller then stated that the contract with Mr. Harold Wise for the development of the Master Plan for the City of Lodi would expire on April 30, 1954, unless action were taken prior to that date to extend the contract. Mr. Fuller added that the extension of the contract to permit the investigation of the proposed industrial development at the 800-acre site at Davis Road and Eight Mile Road had been recommended by the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission. Councilman Robinson suggested that the investigation need not be confined to the one industrial site, but should involve a study of industrial development in the vicinity of the City. Councilman Richey stated that consideration should be given to the denlargement of the City by the development of a large industrial development. Mayor Fuller then asked the

INDUSTRIAL
SITE

City Clerk to read a more recent letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the retention of Mr. Wise. Councilman Richey then asked for a review of the cost of the proposed extension of the proposed extension of the contract. Mr. Weller replied that the maximum amount which would be committed by the extension of the contract would be \$2500. He added that it is proposed that the present Master Plan study be halted and that Mr. Wise would study the effect of the annexation of the proposed 800-acre site on the City. After the study determines whether the annexation of the industrial site is feasible from the City's standpoint, the new Master Plan study would be commenced. He added that it was his understanding that if the investigation of the feasibility of the annexation indicated the site should not be annexed, the present Master Plan study would be pursued to its conclusion. If the question of the annexation of the industrial site could be resolved in thirty days the City would be obligated to pay Mr. Wise \$800. For the additional time that might be required the City would pay \$800 for the second month and \$900 for the third month, or a total of \$2500 for the complete study and revised Master Plan. Councilman Hughes stated that Mr. Wise should study industrial development in general rather than devoting his study exclusively to the proposed 800-acre site. Mr. Hoggatt, Secretary-Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council to say that there are several small sites adjacent to or in the City but these sites would cause little or no problem to the City, whereas the 800-acre site involves annexation and is a separate problem. He added that he thought the study of this site would develop information which could be applied to future requests for industrial development. Councilman Hughes stated that he did not believe this should be entirely a Wise program, but that it should include the efforts and thinking of local people. Mr. William Hoegerman addressed the City Council to state that he felt that Mr. Wise was doing a fine job, but that the City Council should take advantage of the available material in the community to do the same work. Such a move he felt would calrify some of the friction going around the City regarding the Master Plan. He stated that the City has a qualified civil engineer in the person of Mr. Clifford Gatzert who has worked with the Planning Commission in the past. Mr. Hoggatt stated that the Chamber would

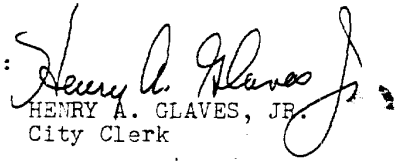
find that a good move when the time comes, but the present studies do not involve engineering study of the industrial site. He suggested that when time comes to interpret and implement the Wise study, there would be no difficulty in retaining Mr. Gatzert to assist and advise the City Council. Mr. Hoegerman replied that he did not intend to suggest the employment of Mr. Gatzert as an engineer, but rather as a planner. Councilman Robinson stated that he felt Mr. Wise should continue since he has done the work completed thus far, but that Mr. Gatzert could be used as a consultant to the Council after Mr. Wise's work has been completed. Councilman Hughes emphasized the need for local planning, then suggested that the City accept the terms of Mr. Wise with the understanding that his investigation will include a report on general industrial development for the City as well as the report on the 800-acre site. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Mitchell second, the Council voted unanimously to continue the services of Mr. Wise under the terms indicated by Mr. Wise in his letter to the City Manager with the stipulation that when the cost analysis of the annexation of the 800-acre site is complete the proposed extension of the Master Plan could be dropped and the original plan immediately completed.

COMMITTEE
APPOINTED
TO STUDY
BUS SERVICE

Mayor Fuller then requested the City Manager to report on the status of the problem involving the Lodi Transit Company. Mr. Weller stated that recent reports in the newspapers indicated that the Lodi Transit Company was going to cease operations due to financial difficulties. He pointed out that the franchise with the bus company contains a provision for a 90-day notice of intention to terminate service, and that to date such notice has not been tendered. He related that this is just one of a number of crises faced by the company in the last three or four years. Each crisis is usually developed by the inability of the company to pay its insurance premiums. He then gave the Council a brief history of the bus operation in the City, including the findings of the report submitted by a committee appointed to investigate the bus company in 1950. Said findings recommended that the request of the Lodi Transit Company to discontinue service be approved. Mayor Fuller stated that it would seem that the 1950 report would apply just as well in 1954. Councilman Robinson stated that the City has grown, and if something could be worked out which would permit the continuance of service, it would be a benefit to the City. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Richey second, the Council voted to authorize the Mayor to appoint a committee to study the problem and report its findings to the City Council within thirty days.

On the motion of Councilman Richey, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


HENRY A. GRAVES, JR.
City Clerk